## **Decision Points:**

## Technological-

New propulsion and power options (2015; 2025)
Ability to operate in extreme environments (2015)
Crew exploration vehicle-based access to LEO (2015): mass into space and in-space assembly Ultra-high bandwidth communications (2015)

Technology related to planetary protection (2015)

Drilling capabilities (2015)

## **Programmatic-**

Nature of SR from X feasible or not (e.g., cryogenic comet sample return?; preserved stratigraphy; mobility) Robust preparation for humans to Mars (2025)

## Scientific-

Discovery of life elsewhere Accessible ocean on Europa Accessible organics on Titan Sample return from X or not

Compelling	Goals	2005-2015	2015-2025	2025-
Questions				
How did we get	Learn how Sun's family			
here	of planets-minor bodies			
	originated			
	Determine how solar			
	system evolved to			
	current diverse state,			
	including Earth's			
	biosphere			
Where are we going	Hazards to Earth			
	Resources for human			
	presence in space			
Are we alone	If life is or ever has been			
	elsewhere in the solar			
	system			